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London, Tuesday, April 8.

"GIVE the boy a gun," says Forest and
Stream. If we do, will he not, sooner or
later, explain it all by saying he did not
know it was loaded.CARNEGIE BROTHERS, of Pittsburgh, Pa.,
say that the 2,000 tons of Alabama iron recently
ordered by that firm, contains too much
phosphorus and sulphur and that no more
will be used by them. So much the better
for Canadian mining development.THIS home market clock for the farmer,
remarks an agricultural journal, is the
merest nonsense imaginable. If the farmer
had to rely upon the home market, he
would find it poor sledding. It is the
farmers' pork, beef, grain and cotton that
pays for all the sugar, woolen, cotton,
rubber, iron and other goods imported.
When they sell their products they com-
pete with the labor of the world and sell
for what they can get, but when they buy
they must pay a bounty to some protected
tariff monopolist of from 30 to 100 per
cent. Just so with the mechanic and
laboring man. He sells his labor in com-
petition with the world, but when he buys
he is on a par with the farmer, and is
actually robbed of from one-fifth to
one-quarter of his earnings, and he does not
seem to know it because he is not knocked
down and the money deliberately taken
from his pocket.LINDSAY POST: Mr. Wood, of Hastings,
has done well to call attention to the grow-
ing tendency of the pretty young school
mams to get married and leave the profes-
sion at an early stage. This is one of the
most serious drawbacks of the Ontario
educational system. It may not be so
marked a grievance when the country
adopts the Post's plan of largely increasing
or doubling teachers' salaries. The only
effective way is for Mr. Wood to bring in
a bill to prohibit pretty school mams from
getting married until they have devoted at
least (blank) years to the profession of
teaching. This would squelch the third
party, for "gooseberries" would not be
wanted. But it might lead to a Ministerial
crisis as well as to an Opposition break-up,
for good-looking men like Mr. Meredith and
Mr. Hardy would never support a measure
of that sweeping kind. The Minister of
Education would be against it, too, though
not on exactly the same grounds.

GENERAL MIDDLETON'S CONFESSION.

Mr. Lister is spoken of by the special
correspondent of the St. John, N. B., Globe
as a "fearless and outspoken" representa-
tive of the people. He has well earned the
description through his exposure of various
rascalities that the Macdonald Ministry have
tried to gloss over. His latest achievement
is creditable to his good judgment and
kindness of heart. For years, serious
charges have been circulated against Gen.
Middletown, Mr. Hayter Reed and others
high in authority in the expeditionary force
sent to put down the Northwest rebellion
of 1885. These charges centered round the
robbery of a merchant named Brynner,
whose furs, to the value of several
thousand dollars, were taken from him
at the instance of the General in command.
If a statesman were at the head of the
militia of Canada, and not a mere dandified,
egotistical figurehead like Sir Adolphe
Caron, these serious charges against General
Middletown and other servants of the people
would have been investigated long ago, and
justice would have been done and the
offenders sent about their business. In-
stead of that, the Minister, the General and
the other delinquents were contented to
give a general denial to the accusation,
and when Mr. Lister, in the public
interest, took possession of the
papers, and expressed his belief that a
grave injustice had been done to Brynner,
he was accused of trying to make political
capital out of an ill-founded complaint. In
the House of Commons, too, Tory M.P.s
tried to excuse the Commander by bring-
ing a wholesale charge of looting the settlers
against the entire expeditionary force.
Never was a sweeping accusation so ill-
founded.The evidence of General Middletown has
now been heard, and he confesses that he
regarded Brynner as a rebel, and therefore
worthy of no respect. Hence his furs were
confiscated and divided between the Gen-
eral and his immediate friends. At least
they were packed with that object in view,
but according to General Middletown never
reached their destination, and strange to
relate mysteriously disappeared. Brynner
has all along denied that he was a rebel,
and though he was arrested and jailed he
has never been put on trial. But even if
he had been a rebel, we should like to
know by what law of Canada or of the
British nation, from which he obtains his
title, General Middletown felt authorized to
appropriate private property for the use of
himself and his fellows? It matters not
whether he received the appropriated furs.
He confesses that they were boxed up and
shipped to Winnipeg by his direction, andif they were lost in this way he is clearly
responsible for them. If they had been
retained in the fort at Battleford they
would have been as secure
as the other property taken to
that place of safety. It has always been
conceded that the commander of an ex-
peditionary force has a perfect right to
seize from the residents of a belligerent
neighborhood all supplies necessary for the
sustenance of the force under him; but it
cannot be contended that the furs appropri-
ated at Battleford could be classed in that
category. There was a time, of course, when
looting in the territory of an enemy was
authorized, and dreadful were the excesses
indulged in. But apart from the fact that
the Northwest rebels were not residents of
a foreign land, but a minority in the
country which sent out the expeditionary
force, it is well known that looting has been
absolutely prohibited by the British War
Office ever since the last war with
China, and it is most difficult to believe
that General Middletown was not well
aware of this fact. The best he can do
now is to amply repay his victim out of
his own purse, apologize to the Canadian
people and take a long trip across the
Atlantic. Recent developments have not
served to confirm the confidence of the
Canadian people in his management
of the Canadian militia. And, by the way,
would it not be an excellent thing for the
force if Sir Adolphe Caron could be pre-
vailed upon to join Sir Fred?

THE RECORD.

Yesterday the fourth session of the sixth
Legislature of Ontario was brought to
a close with the customary formalities.
Though there was a good deal of
business done, and the Opposition made a
big effort to manufacture campaign griev-
ances, it cannot be said that the session
was an exciting one. The fact is that
Hon. Mr. Mowat and his colleagues have
proved careful administrators of Provincial
affairs, and it is hard work for even the
most chronic grumbler to find fault with
them. That they are not perfect, and have
made mistakes, is but to say that the Min-
isters are human. It is only an Opposition
orator, a man who has never been in public
life, or a chronic fault-finder, who will
contend that a Government should be in-
fallible in all things. But while this much
may be acknowledged, it would be difficult
to point to an Administration now in exist-
ence the world over that has ruled with so
scrupulous care to conserve the interests of
the people who repose confidence in it,
or against which so little can fairly be said.We sometimes see statements in Tory
journals lamenting the small quantity of
new laws that have been placed on the
statute book. Our own idea is that in
the past there has been too much
haste to put forward new enactments.
And it cannot be denied that the Mowat
Government has been found ready to make
such reforms in the laws of the Province
as public experience has shown to be
necessary. To be sure, it has not gone as
far in the direction of tax reform as the
friends of the Government would like, but it
has made a good beginning in the direction
of tax exemption abolition, and the Premier
has promised another installment so soon as
the people, through their representatives,
show their desire to obtain it. Last
session, too, important temperance legisla-
tion has been passed. No liquor can in
future be sold on board lake steamers, and
in municipalities the man who wants a
license will have to show that a majority of
the taxpayers before the commissioners can
consider it. These provisions, coupled with
those which have from time to time been
added to the Ontario License Act, are in
the interest of the public, and will no
doubt be endorsed by all moderate men and
women. The large majority of the members
of the Legislature supported the views of
the Administration in regard to the steps
taken to further secure a thorough teach-
ing of the English language in the French
and German speaking districts of the Prov-
ince. It has been shown beyond the possi-
bility of a doubt that the Liberal policy is
to Anglicize these districts as thoroughly as
possible, and as speedily as can fairly be
accomplished, by the same agencies as are
now doing good work in New Brunswick,
in Wales and in other portions of the world
where another considerable portion of the
population speaks a language other than
English. The Mowat Government has
secured the sympathy of the parents of the
children. They are anxious to have their
children thoroughly drilled in English; but
they do not wish their own language to be
ostracized as had been proposed by Mr.
Meredith and his friends till the proposition
was shown to be utterly absurd.Another item of legislation on which a
good deal of discussion took place was the
law more clearly defining the statute which
sets forth the fact that a man can only be-
come a separate school supporter by giving
notice to the municipal authorities that
such is his intention. The statute was
clear before; the Government has always
declared that such was its intention; but a
county judge had chosen to interpret in
another way, and the possibility of making
errors is now reduced to a minimum.
Henceforth only such persons as have given
notice to the clerk of a municipality, and
have their names registered in a book kept
for that purpose, can be assessed as sup-
porters of separate schools, and it is provided
that if any mistakes are made the Court of
Revision shall remedy them, and if that
body fail in its duty, there is an appeal to
the Municipal Council. The separate
schools were established as a compromise
at Confederation. Without their conces-
sion the union of Canada would have
been impossible, and Mr. Mowat, in recent
debates, has shown that only by a rupture
of the Dominion, to which few, if
any, Canadians would be consenting
any, can they be abolished. In the cir-
cumstances, he has from time to time asked
the Legislature to aid in making these
schools as effective as possible. In this
work, up till recently, he has had the
unanimous support of the Legislature.
Even Mr. Meredith agreed to every
change that was made up to the time
when he found that the "Facts for Irish
Electors" were of no avail in seducing themajority of the electors from their al-
legiance to Ontario's Grand Old Man.
These "facts," which were issued after the
laws regarding separate schools were im-
proved with the unanimous consent of the
House, were compiled by Mr. Meredith's
man Friday, who had control of the cam-
paign literature of the Tory party. They
set forth that Mr. Meredith and his family
were the best friends that the separate
school supporters ever had, and that the
Mowat Government, far from being too
friendly to that section of the community,
as the race and religious firebrands of the
Tory party now allege, had not given them
a fair show. They were circulated with
the object of aiding Mr. Mowat's defeat.
The conclusion to which an inde-
pendent investigator is forced is that
Mr. Meredith's recent opposition to the
course of the Ontario Government is a last
desperate scheme to obtain office. The
Tory leaders have failed to unseat the Gov-
ernment by one class of cries—undoubtedly
dishonest cries—and they now try another
class, equally ill-founded, as we have had
occasion before now to show.The Government has also secured the
passage of a law for the encouragement of
mining, and another giving aid to railway
lines destined to open up the new districts
in Northwestern Ontario. From the Prison
Reform Commission, which it has promised
to appoint, we have no doubt that much
good will come. The prisons are largely in
the hands of the local authorities, and as
the investigation now ordered will enable
the County Councils to assist the
Government in its efforts to treat
crime on a scientific basis, and thereby aid
in reducing the number of offenders, the
commission is calculated to have far-reach-
ing influences. Under the Government the
other public institutions have been
economically managed, and at the same
time brought to a state of efficiency far in
advance of similar establishments in the
neighboring nation, and made to equal that
of any other civilized country. This portion
of the record is one which should not be
lost sight of by the electors when the time
for pronouncing upon it arrives. It is in-
deed one to be proud of.

Wants Mr. Tooley Drowned.

[Toronto Telegram, Independent Tory.]
Take out H. E. Clark, T. D. Craig, James
Clancy, D. Creighton, G. F. Marter, A. F.
Wood, and the best thing W. R. Meredith
can do with the rest of his Opposition is go
out skating with it some day when the ice
is thin, let it break through and get
rescued himself.

Mr. O'Brien's Warm Choice.

[Montreal Herald.]
Mr. O'Brien, M. P. for Muskoka, says
he would prefer on the question of the fiscal
policy of Canada to "hang up to dry in the
reins of Pluto (H—) than to reign in
glory with the Grits forever." All right,
no Grit will object. Let Mr. O'Brien go to
Pluto and be hanged.

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